

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 18 April 1997
 Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: The Spanking Interviews No.1
 Other Known Titles: Spanking Interviews 1
 Director: Not Stated
 Producer: Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: UK
 Language: English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	The Spanking Interviews No.1	Running time:	32.28
Trailers:	Nil	Running time:	
		Total Running time:	32.28

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *The Spanking Interviews No. 1* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication contains scenes in which females are spanked by a male and his female assistant. The females agree to partake in the activity, but seem to be genuine in their struggle to escape it as it becomes more severe, and the spankings are strong enough to be considered to constitute acts of significant cruelty. The spankings also constitute physical behaviour of a degrading nature, and the publication significantly degrades the females by depicting them as inferior beings whose struggles and discomfort are presented for the sexual titillation of the viewer. Because of the severity of the spankings and the sexualised manner in which they are presented, the availability of the publication is considered likely to be injurious to the public good. The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been applied, but it is considered that a restriction on the publication's availability is reasonable and demonstrably justified given this likelihood of injury.

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